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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:)
NOBUMASA SUZUKI) Examiner: T. Pham
Application No.: 10/766,816) Group Art Unit: 2813
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METHOD) February 11, 2005

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2005, imposing a restriction requirement in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required election of a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits in this case. The Examiner alleged the existence of two patentably distinct inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-18, drawn to a processing apparatus, classified in class 118, subclass 722; and

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